

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Original) A method of polymerizing an aromatic monomer, comprising combining an aromatic monomer with a hematin catalyst, wherein the hematin catalyst has been derivatized with one or more non-proteinaceous amphipathic groups.

Claim 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising combining a peroxide initiator with the aromatic monomer and the derivatized hematin.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising a template, wherein the aromatic monomer aligns along the template and polymerizes to form a complex comprising the polymerized aromatic monomer and the template.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the template is a polyelectrolyte.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the polyelectrolyte is polyanionic.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the polyanionic polyelectrolyte is poly(styrene sulfonic acid) or a salt thereof.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the template is optically active.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the optically active template is an oligonucleotide or a polynucleic acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the polynucleic acid is 2'-deoxyribonucleic acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the template is lignin sulfonic acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the template is dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the aromatic monomer is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic compound.

Claim 13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the aromatic compound is an aniline.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the aniline is 2-methoxy-5-methylaniline.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the aromatic compound is a phenol.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the complex formed is a water-soluble complex of a polyaniline and the template.

Claim 17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the polyaniline is of an electrically-conducting emeraldine salt form.

Claim 18. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the complex formed is a water-soluble complex of polyphenol and the template.

Claim 19. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the polymerized aromatic monomer complexed to the template has a macro-asymmetry.

Claims 20-41. (Canceled)